(d) what steps have been taken by the police to protect the life and property of the complainants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) During 1985, two complaints by Shri Shiv Lal resident of Bapa Nagar, Delhi and one complaint by Shri Naval Kishore resident of Dev Nagar, Delhi have been made at police Station Karol Bagh, Delhi regarding receipt of threatening letters by them.

(c) No, Sir. However, police is fully seized of the matter.

(d) Both uniformed as well as plain clothes police personnel have been detailed to keep watch about the safety of life and property of the complainants.

**Retrospective promotions in Central Secretariat Service**

1288. SHRI RAMACHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of clerks serving from pre-independence who were later integrated under the Central Secretariat Sevice Scheme and who have retired from service as Section Officers, are lately being considered for promotion, retrospectively, as under secretaries, deputy secretaries and directors from dates even earlier than they were actually promoted as Section Officers;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what precise decision has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Some of the erstwhile B Grade Clerks who had been brought on to UDC scale of pay of Rs. 80—220 respectively w.e.f. 1-1-1947 in pursuance of the judgement of the Bombay High Court dated 23rd July, 1979 have claimed re-fixation of their seniority and consequent promotion to the grades of Assistants/Section Officers/Under Secretaries retrospectively. No view has yet been taken on their claim.

**Forecasting weather rains**

1289. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the existing technology used for forecasting wether/monsoon or rabi rains to know how far it is reliable and relevant to the need for agricultural planning and in taking preventive measures to fight drought in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the steps contemplated by Government to evolve a relevant and more reliable technique based on improved and modern methodology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Review of methodology and technology used for weather forecasting is a continuous process. At present, accuracy of Short Range Forecast (1-2 days) is of the order of 80 per cent while the accuracy in respect of Long Range Forecasts (monthly and seasonal) for large areas is of the order of 70 per cent. To improve the level of accuracy considerable research effort is in progress. A medium range (7—10 days) Weather Forecasting Centre is proposed to be set up in the 7th Plan. This will help in improving the present capability in weather forecasting which would be particularly relevant for agricultural purpose.